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For President,  
**WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN**  
OF NEBRASKA.  
For Vice-President,  
**ADLAI E. STEVENSON**  
OF ILLINOIS.  
**WALDERSEE'S ASBESTOS HOUSE.**

The Fatherland has never been noted for its humorists. Even Emperor William has appealed to the world's sense of humor unconsciously, if repeatedly and irresistibly. We all remember the episode of the imperial breeches and the gust of laughter that swept the lands and seas until the world's diaphragm was cramped. But through it all the war Lord bore himself with the serene dignity of the man who doesn't know he has a placard on his back. Emperor William takes himself seriously, very seriously, as befits a great military chief. Apparently, Count von Waldersee, who has set out to make a Chinaman afraid to look at a German for a thousand years to come, also takes himself seriously. How else should the Count be taking along "an asbestos house with seven rooms and a bath room?" Has not the Count heard of our own doughty warrior, who threw chunks of lightness into the Hispano-Yankee conflict by setting out to do battle in a porcelain lined bath tub? Did the Count not stop to consider what will happen when he heaves in sight of that section of the allied army composed of the irreverent American, with his seven room asbestos house with bath appendances?  
Count von Waldersee may be a most impetuous and ferocious warrior—we are not saying that he isn't—but the asbestos part of the stage business looks a trifle cumbersome for a country without railroads, wagon roads, or anything broader and better than wheelbarrow paths. Not for one single moment would we dare to criticize or carp at this new chief, who is to supersede American officers in command of American soldiers; but really that seven-room structure of asbestos does not seem, as it were, to fit into the scheme of things. In all our limited perusal of ancient and modern history, we do not remember to have noted a single recorded instance where a fierce chieftain, dashing into the fray with a seven-room asbestos house, not to mention the bath, bore down all opposition in his fiery and impetuous onset. But we may have overlooked the precedents.  
We are, of course, living in strange and strenuous times, when familiar things are inverted and familiar institutions subverted. So it may be all right to have American soldiers commanded by a ferocious German warrior, in a seven-room asbestos house, with orders to "spare nobody." It may be all right, but it seems queer—mighty queer.  
Says the Philadelphia Press:  
"Under a protective tariff the United States now produces over twice as much steel as Great Britain, whereas, before the imposition of the tariff, Great Britain produced several times as much steel as did the United States and nearly as much in 1899."  
And when it comes to build a few ships, the United States is itself paid up for \$5,000,000 by these grateful beneficiaries of its bounty, the steel-makers. What they do to the private individual is not hard to surmise. But is not the Press trying to do a little paramouting of the tariff?

**JUDGE JOHN W. RIELY.**  
The people of Virginia, the place of his birth and life-work, and friends all over the South, mourn the unexpected death of Hon. John W. Rely, one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. The Bench and Bar feel most keenly his loss as one of their most able and representative members.  
Judge Rely, who was elevated to the Supreme Bench of the State, as a member of the Democratic Court that succeeded the Readjuster regime, was recognized as an able, painstaking and thorough lawyer of ability and learning. As one of the codifiers of the present Code of Virginia, he left to his memory a monument to his memory. As a judge upon the Supreme Bench, his opinions reflect the learning he brought with him to that high honor, as well as a conscientious devotion to duty.  
Judge Rely was a typical lawyer, a natural and upright judge, but even these merits and virtues did not outshine his greatest glory—he was a noble-hearted and pure man.  
Not swayed by passion, nor biased by prejudice, his even balance in thought, and clear powers of discrimination and discernment, rendered valuable his opinions and judgment.  
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**JUDGE PRENTISS AND THE SUPREME COURT.**  
The news of the death of Hon. John W. Rely, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals, has brought forward the name of Judge Robt. R. Prentiss, of this Judicial Circuit, as his successor on the Bench.  
It seems to be the consensus of opinion, that as much as this District would suffer in the loss of Judge Prentiss, it is a duty owing to him and the State, that he be elevated to the Supreme Court Bench. It was with an effort that Judge Prentiss was persuaded to give up a lucrative practice and accept the Circuit Judgeship. He did it, and his friends in Tidewater feel that there is an obligation upon them to reward him for the sacrifice, as well as naming a judge of whom the State may feel proud. Politically, this section is entitled to a judge on the Supreme Court Bench. Norfolk and the Hampton Roads section, on account of its varied industries and multiplied interests, furnish much business for the Supreme Court. In fact, if any section of the State is entitled to a representative, it is Tidewater Virginia. The appointment of Judge Rely's successor is in the hands of Governor Tyler. It can be said to his credit that His Excellency has ever treated with fairness and equity the interests of this section.

**RANK DISCRIMINATION.**  
There is, it seems, one law for an Apache chief and another for the Sultan of Sulu. And the law makes a great deal of difference, particularly in the number of wives that are permitted. Thus, according to the Iowa State Register, the government some time ago issued a ukase that the Indians living on the reservation near Wichita, Kansas, should be allowed to have one wife only. The Indians "kicked," but the government was "obedient," and so the noble red men were corralled by the Indian agent and told to take their choice of all their wives—a situation palpably not without its embarrassments for an affectionate husband. Thus, Narjo, the Apache chief, had ten wives and was negotiating for a few more, when the summons came to stand and deliver. He chose the oldest and ugliest of all his wives. Our contemporary describes the scene that followed:  
"Two of his discarded wives, young squaws of rather a pleasing appearance, forthwith killed themselves. Tall Elk, a Comanche warrior, had a nice bunch of nine wives, and when he was forced to give up all but one, six of the other eight killed themselves. The discarded squaws were sent away to the agency building, where they will be cared for by the government until their reservation is thrown open for settlement this winter. Then these squaws will have money enough paid to them to take care of themselves. All in all six hundred squaws have been discarded by the Indian warriors, but they are not going to want for husbands. It is said that the cowboys are swooping in off of the plains and gathering them up. The cowboys solve the servant girl problem by marrying a squaw."  
Now, wherefore, one law for the potentate of Jolo and another for Apache Narjo, who is plainly heap big Indian with a "taking way?" Why should the Mohammedan Sultan receive a regular stipend from the United States treasury for the maintenance and support of the dark-eyed hordes who help to speed time in the Sulu archipelago, while the copper-colored aborigine is allowed but one squaw to carry his wood, grind his corn and light his fire out near Wichita?

Narjo and all his tribe should emigrate, (crawl from under the frayed edges of the Constitution,) and take to the islands of the sea, where the more wives a potentate has, the bigger salary he gets from a fatherly government!  
That Newport News "Convention Scam" seems to be worrying some of "the boys."

In Kentucky the agglomeration of negroes, mountain bandits and sore-heads, presently masquerading as the Republican party, has been placed in a most ridiculous position. This lay-out devoted its platform to denouncing the Goebel election law. Governor Beckham has called an extra session of the Legislature to repeal the law, and now the "organs of assassination," as Hon. Henry Watterson has dubbed them, are frantic at the prospect of being deprived of their thunder. Thus are the champions of civil liberty discomfited by the chance of getting what they have been hollering for. To deprive a Southern Republican of his opportunity to cry fraud is like cutting the web of a duck's foot.

The Richmond Dispatch says:  
"The way for the Pamunkies and Chickahomies to remove themselves from the objectionable operations of the 'Jim Crow law' is—if possible—to get some court of competent jurisdiction to decide that they are not 'colored' persons. If the noble Red Man isn't colored, what is he? Is he white?"  
The term "colored persons," by a strange linguistic twist, has come to be applied colloquially in the South exclusively to a person who is not "colored" at all, but is black. The Indian is not a "colored person;" he is an Indian. If the Dispatch doubts the accuracy of this diagnosis, let it suggest to some of Virginia's distinguished citizens that their ancestors was a "colored person."

So it seems that we are to have the "State of Philippine" and the "Territory of China."  
The Republican campaign book ought to go through the mails cheaply—being second-class matter.  
The politicians seem to be changing bed fellows. They are not so nice, then!  
It would not be a bad idea to get a corner on this cool spell.  
"Home, Sweet Home"—how hot you are in August.  
The Republicans don't seem to see that Imperialism is an issue.  
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